

development, it is proposed to take up area expansion and crop enhancement schemes through supply of improved seeds, plant protection chemicals/equipment and other

inputs/the Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme.

(e) State-wise oilseeds production is given below:-

(000 tonnes)

State	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
1. Assam	166.5	139.9	169.3
2. Arunachal Pradesh	15.4	17.8	19.8
3. Meghalaya	4.9	5.4	5.4
4. Manipur	1.8	1.2	1.3
5. Mizoram	2.0	2.7	6.5
6. Nagaland	6.6	10.9	14.7
7. Sikkim	12.8	15.1	14.4
8. Tripura	6.8	10.2	10.3

[Translation]

Withdrawal of Subsidy on Pesticides

4596. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether subsidy being given on the pesticides has been withdrawn; and

(b) if so, the extent of subsidy withdrawn and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MUL-LAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Saudi Arabia has decided to gift to Pakistan three hundred tanks captured intact by U.S.troops from the retreating Iraqi Army during the recent Gulf war;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan has decided to strengthen its air force by acquiring an additional forty F-7 fighter aircraft from China; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government and the action taken in the matter to safeguard the security of India?

[English]

Pakistan's Acquiring Additional Fighter Air Craft from China

4597. DR. A.K.PATEL: Will the Minister

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) According to reports a certain number of Soviet made tanks captured from Iraq by US led multi-national coalition forces were shipped to Kara-

chi, Pakistan from Daman, Saudi Arabia. In response to our enquiries in the matter, these reports could not be confirmed.

(b) Government have seen Press reports that Pakistan is strengthening its air force by acquiring an additional 40 F-7p fighter aircraft from China. However, there have been no reports confirming the signing of the contract.

(c) Government has under constant review factors affecting the nation's security and appropriate action is taken to safeguard the nation's interests.

Potato Research Centre in Bihar

4598. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nalanda district in Bihar has been one of the most important potato growing areas in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government have any plan to establish a Research Centre for high yielding seed for potato in this district; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA) (a) Sir, Nalanda is an important potato growing district in Bihar.

(b) No

(c) Does not arise.

Grant of Mining Lease in Bihar

4599. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has granted mining leases as adjudicated by the Mining Tribunal of the Union Government during 1990-91; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Loading/Unloading Labourers in IISCO

4600. SHRI RAM NIHORE RAI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract for loading and unloading work of IISCO, in West Bengal has been given to non-contract labourers during 1990-91;

(b) if so, whether the company propose to pay wages to contract labourers without doing any work; and

(c) if not, the fate of these labourers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

LPG Agencies in Saidpur Parliamentary Constituency

4601. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: